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COMMUNITY AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

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NOTIFICATION

The 9th February, 2012.

No.CDD.133/2011/15.—In pursuance of the Government's approval *vide* letter No.PLR.124/2011/3, dated 28th September, 2011 a Scheme for the Black Topping of the roads constructed under the MGNREGA, in short 'BTRRS' is hereby notified. Copy of the Scheme for the Black Topping of the Rural Roads constructed under the MGNREGA is at Annexure-I.

The 'BTRRS' will be implemented in convergence with Basin Development programme and the State Government has conveyed its approval *vide* letter No.PLR.124/2011/4, dated 15th November, 2011 for implementing the programme through the State Rural Employment Society (SRES).

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ANNEXURE-I**SCHEME FOR THE BLACK TOPPING OF THE RURAL ROADS CONSTRUCTED UNDER THE MGNREGA.****1. Introduction.**

Several earth works have been undertaken under the NREGS in all the district of the state of Meghalaya, to improve the road connectivity. It is appropriate time to address the second generation issues relating to such roads, by way of further improving their quality by blacktopping them. Such roads that are critical for the marketing of the agricultural and horticultural produce would be prioritised at the district level and blacktopped through this scheme. The proposal is to blacktop 5 km in each of the 39 Community & Rural Development Blocks @ of ₹ 25.00 lakhs per km. (5 km x 39 Blocks x ₹ 25.00 lakhs = ₹ 4875.00 lakhs). An amount of ₹ 100.00 lakhs is earmarked for administrative expenses which includes contingencies, MIS, etc to be divided equally for each District Rural Development Agency, and an amount of ₹ 25.00 lakhs will be provided to the State Rural Employment Society (SRES) for the State Level monitoring effort.

II. The scheme.

1. The scheme shall, be known as “Scheme for Blacktopping the Rural Roads (BTRRS) constructed under the MGNREGA” and abbreviated to “BTRRS”. The Scheme shall be implemented under the supervision of the Deputy Commissioners of the respective districts and executed by Public Works Department (Roads). The Deputy Commissioners may solicit and enlist technical support and field inspections of the officials of any competent technical department and task them under the scheme.
2. The roads to be taken up under the scheme shall be identified by a Committee chaired by the Deputy Commissioner who is also the District Programme Coordinator of the MGNREGA of the district, through a committee constituted for the purpose. The committee shall be chaired by the Deputy Commissioner & DPC, and serviced by the Project Director DRDA as its Member-Secretary. All the Block Development Officers, District Heads of Agriculture, Horticulture and Fishery Departments, and the Executive Engineers of all the PWD (Roads) Department (all divisions covered in the district).
3. The Committee so constituted shall identify the projects either suo motu or by soliciting proposals from the Block Development Officers and make a short list of such roads against each block, based on objective criteria to be accurately determined and recorded by the Committee. The Committee may also cause field inspections and obtain feasibility and suitability reports for the same as per the technical specifications.

4. There shall be no provision for land acquisition and as such no monetary compensation would be paid out of the funds earmarked under the scheme for the roads of lands. The roads shall be continue to be the assets of the community and /or Village Employment Council as the case may be. Likewise, there will be no provision for culvert/bridges to be made under the Scheme. The Scheme's objectives are very narrow and clear and are limited only to blacktopping and under no circumstances should the funds be diverted for any purpose other than so specified in the scheme.
5. Locally available road materials or any other product developed and made available by use of new technology to replace the usual aggregates may be used wherever possible, to keep the cost of blacktopping low.
6. The estimate shall be prepared by Officers of the implementing department and certified as such and /or countersigned by senior technical persons in accordance with the financial power vested.
7. The width of the road proposed to be blacktopped shall be not less than 3.5 metres in the case of a standard village road and the length should be not less than 5 km for each Community & Rural Development Block as per the existing schedule of rates of Public Works Department. The roads proposed for the blacktopping should be also linked to the main PWD road wherever possible. The advantages of connecting the village roads to the main PWD roads are manifold that ought to be borne in mind while considering the proposals. The first layer shall be Grade-I, one top layer should be grade -III and with a 20 mm pre-mix carpeting with seal coat.
8. A quarterly report of the actions taken under the scheme shall be forwarded to the Community & Rural Development Department, Government of Meghalaya.

III. Funds and their releases.

The entire fund meant for the different Community & Rural Development Blocks of a particular district will be released to the Project Directors of the 7 (seven) District Rural Development Agencies into their respective District Rural Development Agency Accounts in one instalment. While sanctioning of the funds the Deputy Commissioner shall placed 50% of the funds to the implementing agency as the first installment and upon the satisfactory completion of 40% of physical work, the balance 50% of the funds shall be released. The project shall be executed and Utilisation certificate shall be furnished and countersigned by the Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district. The Project Director, DRDA shall maintain accounts of the funds released and received. Funds may also be sourced from Meghalaya Inland Basin Development and Livelihood Programme available with Basin Development Unit of each district, after obtaining specific and due approvals from the Meghalaya Basin Development Authority, for any additional work, in conformity with this scheme.

IV. Implementation and Monitoring of the Scheme.

1. The BTRR Scheme shall be implemented by the Deputy Commissioners through the Block Development Officers and /or such other implementing agencies as may be decided and approved by the District Level Committee. The Committee may assign the projects to different agencies in different blocks depending upon their current workload and the ability to implement the work faster.
2. The scheme shall be monitored by the Deputy Commissioner/Project Director, DRDA/Block Development Officer/Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil), or such other officers as may be decided by the Deputy Commissioners by conducting field inspections.
3. The implementing agency shall complete the projects within 90 days after the receipt of funds.
4. The Block Development Officer / Implementing agency shall submit a monthly report on the progress of the works.
5. The Director Community & Rural Development Department, Government of Meghalaya, Shillong shall monitor the progress of the scheme through the SRES and brief the Planning Department appropriately whenever required.

V. The SRES will prepare an annual report of the works undertaken under the scheme and sent to the Government of Meghalaya.